

# THE CRESSET

FOWLER MISSOURI

## LOCAL LORE.

Health in this part of the world is tolerable good.

Mr. Lum Atkinson was a pleasant caller at this OFFICE last Saturday, and taken dinner with the Ed.

Our Merchant, Wm. Hoffarth and wife was out at Services on last Sunday at 8 O'clock.

Mr. Henry Tate from near Rock Spgs. was a pleasant caller at this OFFICE on last Wednesday. Henry is one of Rock Springs best young men.

Mr. Salsman from Beaver Creek was a pleasant caller at this OFFICE on last Tuesday. Mr. Salsman is one of Texas Co.'s best citizens.

Mr. Joe Walker from Beaver Creek in company with young Mr. Atkinson, the son of Lum Atkinson of Mountain Grove was pleasant callers at this OFFICE on last Tuesday.

We had the privilege of seeing the teacher of the Dunsmore School, Miss Dora Fielden, one of Texas Co.'s accomplished teachers, in company with Mrs. Salsman, at 11 O'clock services on Christmas Day.

The CRESSET OFFICE is now located in the Arbor, where the CRESSET will be printed hereafter, until there is an Office built for it. It is much pleasanter for visitors and typists than it was in the old log hut, but it is not what it will be yet.

## MOUNTAIN GROVE NEWS.

By Mary.

Kind Ed. I'll try and send a few happenings this week.

Well I hope every body had a merry Christmas.

Charles Farris of Cabool spent Xmas night with Mt. Grove friends. Come again Charles.

Mary Depue attended the Xmas tree at Mt. Home Thursday night she reports a pleasant time.

John Fogerson was over from Fowler Mo. one day last week he reports his little son Wade very sick.

Dollie and Evert Depue spent Xmas in Cabool.

Will Ellis of Cabool is spending holidays with home folks and his attraction in this city.

Miss Lizzie Fielden was the guest of Mary Depue Sunday evening.

M. S. Depue and wife of Mt. Home spent Xmas day at Riley Depue's.

Jim Fielden and family are contemplating on moving to Kansas.

James Farris of Cabool was in Mt. Grove last week.

Oh "Flossy" did Santa come to see you he came clear from Oklahoma to see me now, isn't he good.

Ask Mary Depue and Lulu Reaves which one thinks the most of Bill, poor Bill the writer, think your cake is dough at either place. Say Lulu was it that candy awful sweet?

Say "Red Rose" you and "Sunflower" must come up and see Mary and tell her all about it. So she can laugh too.

Well as news is scarce in this little town I'll close wishing every body a happy and prosperous New Year.

## ASTORIA ITEMS

By Snowball.

Here we come again with our items.

We are having changeable weather at present.

The singing was well attended at Mr. Tom Beckham last Sunday night.

Mr. Dorman Ingraham made a business trip at Hartville last week.

Mr. Dick Roboran of Worsham Mo. got his barn burnt down last Tuesday week.

Mr. J. A. Murr has recieved a large bill, of good for Xmas.

Mr. Murr is counted one of the best merchants in Wright county.

Miss Minnie Green Mr. Henry Motin was married last Wednesday evening at four O'clock.

Astoria school closed last Tuesday until the first Monday after Xmas.

There will be a singing at Mr. John Hutsell next Sunday night.

I heard there was to be a party up the creek last night wonder what for a time the they had I bet John knows.

If these Items escape the waste basket I will close and write again bye bye until next week.

Crowded out last week.

## BELLE ITEMS.

By Wood Chopper.

Kind Ed. as my last items missed the waste basket I come again.

We understand that the St. Louis K. C. and Col. R. R. is finished 4 miles West of Versailles in Morgan Co., there has been a great deal of surveying done in order to get a straighter rout through these mountains but do not know what success they have had yet.

There has been considerable work done on the county roads in Osage Co. Just for an illustration I will give an account of some of the work, the road running from Belle to Byron a village 8 miles North of Belle in Osage Co., there has been \$800. spent on one half mile, the reason it costs so much they grade the road like a R. R. and then put gravel about one foot deep on top.

I could give an account of a great number of marriages, births and deaths, but it would be of no interest to the readers of the CRESSET. So I will just give an account of one wedding to show how they do down here; a short time ago Mr. Frank Bentlague's daughter married and to celebrate the wedding they hired a special cook invited 200 or more guests, served dinner and supper with a lunch between, also ten kegs of beer on tap.

Xmas has come and gone but we had a joyful time while it last.

There is two congregations or churches in Belle. A Baptist and Christian. the Baptist use the school house, while the Christian own the church.

Both churches celebrated Xmas, the Christian church had a Xmas tree for the Sunday school, there were about 800 people in attendance; a good time we had with

songs and speeches and then distributing the gifts, while doing so in walked a Real Santa Clause in the person of Edgar Luster, such screams of delight as came from the little ones I never heard before; this taken place on Xmas eve. The Methodist church at Byron celebrated on Xmas day at 2 o'clock P. M. with windows blinded and lamps lit and the usual program of songs, speeches, Xmas tree distributing of gifts and a real Santa Clause in the person of W. R. Wilson, who was the most comicle Santa I ever saw.

For fear of the waste basket I will close by wishing the Ed., correspondents and readers of the CRESSET a Happy New Year.

## Dunsmore Notes.

By Sophia and Lulu.

We once more grasp our pencils to add a few items for the CRESSET.

The box supper which was given at the Dunsmore school last Saturday night, came off with flying colors. The Album for the prettiest girl brought eighteen dollars. There was 183 votes on our teacher Miss Dora Fielden.

Wiley did you get lost the other night going from the candy breaking with Ann Smart?

When George pays five dollars for Ed's box. And gets his new buggy to take her down to Rock Springs. Say George aren't you afraid of puncturing the tire going that straight and narrow path?

Oh! say George and Arvel have you still got the consumption? Have you got your toses and noses thawed out since Tuesday night standing at the gate?

Mr. Rile Tate, teacher of the Rose school visited home folks last Saturday and Sunday.

The candy breaking given at the home of Mr. McGowen last Tuesday night. Was well attended and all reported a fine time.

Sam wasn't there what is the matter Sam?

Oh yes George and Arvel did you kill any thing at the shooting match Tuesday night? We don't think you are very dangerous at any rate.

John Baty has bought him a big black horse I guess Dora will take lots of nice rides now. Didn't you know John that Buggies were all the style now? I wouldn't blame Dora if she refused to take a ride on the big black horse.

Mr. George Young's baby expired last Friday afternoon, was buried at Rock Springs Saturday afternoon 2 O'clock.

Mrs. Tennie Tate called on the sick at Mr. Youngs Monday afternoon.

George Edwards Sr. called on Mrs. Tennie Tate and Sack wishes he would call on her again. Sack and Mitten missed George and Rile Tate at the candy biting.

It seems that Effie got her Xmas on Wednesday instead of Sunday.

Say Grace how do you like biting candy with Will?

Rile, we are writing with your green pencil you lost. You don't care do you? It isn't often we get a green pencil worth a whole nuckle to write our valuable Items with.

We wish the pie supper would soon come off at JAH-Ville. As Mitten, Sack, Flossy, Red Rose and Sunflower wishes to go and take a pie along with Sunshine.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden visited Mr. and Mrs. Dunsmore on last Wednesday.

Mrs. McGowen is still on the sick list we hope she will soon recover.

Garfield Alsop who has been visiting his mother Mrs. Wm. Merr, for the last three weeks has returned to his home at Aurora come again Gar we will miss you.

Sophia Woods was the welcome guest of Lulu and Grace McGowen last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. McGowen visited Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Sunday.

## DUNSMORE ITEMS.

By Sunshine.

Good morning Mr. Ed. I am glad to find a few minutes to write a few items for your most valuable paper.

We had a most pleasant time Xmas by receiving many nice presents and done great honor to a large Xmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray spent Xmas with their daughter Mrs. Lynn Myres.

We were sorry we did not get to go to church at the Arbor Xmas for we did not get to hear it in time.

Miss Sophia Woods made a short call at Lynn Myres Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hensly of Ark. how has been visiting friends and relatives returned home Monday.

Effie Shelley visited at Oliver Salsman Sunday afternoon.

Blanch Myres is on the sick list but is some better now.

Well we had a bad night for our box supper but done very well as we hear from good Authority that the album brought \$9.85

Minnie Gaddis was awarded the album for being the prettiest Miss Fielden has got orders from one of the board to hold to the money till she see what the school needs the boxes brought \$2.15ct.

Mrs. Jno. Holden visited at Lynn Myres Sunday eve.

Oh M did you get back what you put in I hope so.

This is all for this time a happy new years to the CRESSET and its many readers.

## THE LODGE.

You say the poorest can join the church of Christ then the lodge is not the church of Christ, for the poorest hasn't got no money and it takes money to join the lodge. You say that the church continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Does the lodge continue daily with one accord or do they wait till the moon falls in each month, do they brake bread from house to house, or do they resort to a third story and brake no bread at

all. You quote: And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul, neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own but they had all things common. Is the lodge of one heart and one soul? Doesn't some swear and drink while there is some that does not. Can two walk together except they be agreed? Doesn't the Masons claim their own, does the Masons sell their possessions and goods part to all men as they have need whether they pay their dues or not; you say when we find a doctrine that is full of mysteries and contradiction and claiming to be founded on God's Word we had better shun them as we would the bite of a rattlesnake.

Bro. If the lodge is the church of God it is clouded in mysteries. It is a mystery to me how the church is composed of saint and sinner, when Paul speaks of the church as composed of the saint for God is not the author of confusion but of peace as in all churches of the saints. 1 Cor 14-33.

It is a mystery to me why they don't ordain their members and send them to preach this gospel of the kingdom into all the world. Matt 24-14. Why they don't baptize, take the command on why they don't follow Paul as he followed Christ. 1 Cor 11-1. Is also a mystery to me; If we are to shun a doctrine that is full of mysteries then we have to shun the lodge for they have admitted that there are mysteries in the craft. See No. 35. Page 3 second column, it reads: A lodge of Masons is an assemblage of brothers and fellows met together for the purpose of expatiating on the mysteries of the craft with the bible, square and compasses. Now Bro. will you shun Masonry as you would shun the bite of a rattlesnake?

Did you mean what you said? I will watch you and see. Yes I have said and still hold it correct that the bible does not say that Christ instituted the Lord's supper in secret, or that there was a third story or that there were any women there. You say you have shown me by the word of the Lord that Christ instituted the Lord's supper in secret, the number being just twelve no more or no less, and that it was in the third story.

You say Christ's words are good enough. All the conjectures of man outside does not amount to a fig. Now Bro. the bible does not say that it was in secret, or that there was just twelve that many and no more or that Christ instituted it in the third story. I ask my readers to turn and read for themselves, if then you don't wish to guess, then why do you guess if the word is good enough, then why don't you take the word for it now to prove that it was the twelve and no more. You refer to the expression when the even was come he sat down with the twelve. Matt 26-17-20.

I don't think that quite proves it, I sat down yesterday at my table with my family, but that did not prove it. Mrs. Exordine did not take dinner with us, the Lord knows how many ministers of the Gospel sit down with twelve, fifteen, twenty or more of the people of God even Sunday somewhere to take the communion, but that does not prove that there was no other one there. I met with the Evenshade church on the second Sunday in inst., but I found others there. Now to prove that Christ instituted his supper in the third story you referred to. Acts 20-7. And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them ready to depart on the morrow and continued his speech until midnight. The fell down from the third left. V. 8. Now Bro. this took place long after Christ instituted his communion and Paul was not converted at the time and it does not say that it was instituted in the third story, so you only conjecture that it was in the third story. So your conjectures does not amount to a fig. You will notice they met on the first of the week to break bread, but the lodge meets I am told just before the full moon in each month. They brake no bread. Besides Paul preached until midnight, but the Masons has no preaching. There must have been others there, it was the church of the living God and not the lodge. Paul preached faith and repentance. You surely will not admit one in your lodge that does not have faith in Christ. I will close, more to follow;

W. J. O. Tunnell. Plato Mo.